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EAST TIMOR: PARLIAMENTARIANS CALL FOR PRESENCE OF EAST TIMORESE AT UN TALKS.

On the eve of the meeting this week in Amsterdam of the Inter-Governmental Group on Indonesia (IGGI), Lord Avebury will make public in London the declaration of an international list of Parliamentarians supporting the right of East Timor's people to be represented at talks now being held between Portugal and Indonesia.

As the United States, Europeans, Japanese and Australian governments prepare to donate huge sums in economic and military aid to the government of Indonesia, tens of thousands of East Timorese continue to be herded into camps under military supervision, and suffer the effects of a war of occupation which has now lasted for almost ten years.

During this time the international community has reaffirmed the sanctity of international law but done virtually nothing to protect a small people from political extinction. In the most recent diplomatic procedure, East Timor was deleted from the agenda of the UN Commission on Human Rights following energetic Indonesian lobbying, even though it is widely recognised by Western governments that the Indonesian armed forces in East Timor have been responsible for flagrant and consistent violations of human rights.

At the present time, talks between Indonesian and Portuguese officials have been convened by Mr. Perez de Cuellar, the United Nations' Secretary General, "with a view to exploring avenues for achieving a comprehensive settlement of the problem." The British government, on the occasion of Mrs. Thatcher's visit to Indonesia in April, applauded this initiative - alongside other European governments. But not one representative of the East Timorese people has been included in the discussions, or even consulted. No commitment has been made by Mr. de Cuellar that they will be consulted - even though the right to self-determination is enshrined in the UN Charter.

For this reason, nearly 300 Parliamentarians, including many from member countries of IGGI, have to date signed the enclosed declaration and given their support to the Secretary General's initiative on condition that representatives of East Timor's people are included among the parties to an eventual settlement. In the meantime, we call upon the Indonesian authorities to declare a ceasefire and open the territory to independent observers and international humanitarian agencies.

AUSTRALIA

1.	Senator Nick Bolkus	Australian Labour Party (ALP)
2.	Allen Blanchard	ALP
3.	Peter Baldwin	ALP
4.	Graeme Campbell	ALP
5.	Senator Don Chipp	Australian Democrats (AD)
6.	Senator Bruce Childs	ALP
7.	Senator John Coates	ALP
8.	Senator Ruth Coleman	ALP
9.	Senator Peter Cook	ALP
10.	Senator Barney Cooney	ALP
11.	Peter Duncan	ALP
12.	Senator Ray Devlin	ALP
13.	Senator John Evans	AD
14.	Wendy Fatin	ALP
15.	Senator George Georges	ALP
16.	Senator Patricia Giles	ALP
17.	Senator Janine Haines	AD
18.	Gerard Hand	ALP
19.	Senator Jean M. Hearn	ALP
20.	Senator Michael Hodgman	Liberal Party of Australia (LP)
21.	Colin Hollis	ALP
22.	Lewis Kent	ALP
23.	Anthony Lamb	ALP
24.	John Langmore	ALP
25.	Jeanette McHugh	ALP
26.	Senator Gordon McIntosh	ALP
27.	Senator Jim McKiernan	ALP
28.	Senator Michael Macklin	AD
29.	Senator Colin Mason	AD
30.	Peter Milton	ALP
31.	Senator Alan Missen	LP
32.	Lloyd O'Neil	ALP
33.	Senator Cyril Primmer	ALP
34.	Senator Margaret Reynolds	ALP
35.	Senator Edward Robertson	ALP
36.	Senator John Siddons	AD
37.	Jim Snow	ALP
38.	Peter Staples	ALP
39.	Robert Tickner	ALP
40.	Senator David Vigor	AD
41.	Senator Alice Zakharov	ALP

Australian Democrats	7
Australian Labour Party	32
Liberal Party of Australia	2

DENMARK

1.	Asbjorn Agerchon	Socialistisk Folkeparti (SF)
2.	Keld Albrechtsen	Ventre Socialist (VS)
3.	Carsten Andersen	SF
4.	Hanne Anderseen	Socialistisk Demokratiet (SD)
5.	Margrete Auken	SF
6.	Svend Auken	SD
7.	Bernhard Baunsgaard	Social Liberal Party (SLP)
8.	Jens Bilgrav-Nielsen	SLP
9.	Ritt Bjerregaard	SD
10.	Lasse Budtz	SD
11.	Mogens Camre	SD
12.	Tommy Dinesen	SF
13.	Lone Dybkjaer	SLP
14.	Hans Erenbjerg	SD
15.	Ole Espersen	SD
16.	Jorgen Estrup	SLP
17.	Alice Faber	SF
18.	Steen Gade	SF
19.	Mette Groes	SD
20.	Birthe Hansen	SF
21.	Ole Henriksen	SF
22.	Leif Hermann	SF
23.	Karl Hjortnaes	SD
24.	Anne Create Holmsgard	VS
25.	Erik Holst	SD
26.	Ole Vig Jensen	SLP
27.	Tove Lindbo Larsen	SD
28.	Hans Larsen-Ledet	SLP
29.	Jorgen Lenger	VS
30.	Lissa Mathiasen	SD
31.	Kjeld Rahbaek Moller	SF
32.	Ivar Norgaard	SD
33.	Aase Olesen	Radikale Venstre (RV)
34.	Elisabeth Bruun Olesen	VS
35.	Kjeld Olesen	SD
36.	Ruth Olsen	SF
37.	Gert Petersen	SF
38.	Niels Helveg Petersen	SLP
39.	Henning Rasmussen	SD
40.	Soren Riishoj	SF
41.	Erik B. Smith	SD
42.	Paul Sorgaard	SD
43.	Soren Norgaard Sorensen	SD
44.	Arnie Stinus	SLP
45.	Ebba Strange	SF
46.	Svend Taanquist	SD
47.	Steen Tinning	VS

Radikale Venstre	1	Socialistisk Demokratiet	19
Socialistisk Folkeparti	14	Social Liberal Party	8
Ventre Socialist	5		

FRANCE

1.	Senator Pierre Bastie	Parti Socialiste (PS)
2.	Senator Gilbert Baumet	Independent
3.	Senator Marie Claude Beaudeau	Parti Communiste (PC)
4.	Serge Blisko	PS
5.	Senator Serge Boucheny	PC
6.	Senator Auguste Cazalet	Rassemblement Pour la Republique (RPR)
7.	Senator Jacques Eberhard	PC
8.	Jean Garcia	PC
9.	Senator Bernard Michel Hugo	PC
10.	Georges Labazee	PS
11.	Muguette Jacquaint	PC
12.	Senator Bastien Leccia	PS
13.	Senator Charles Lederman	PC
14.	Senator Bernard Legrand	Gauche Democratique
15.	Senator Helene Luc	PC
16.	Roger Rouquette	PS
17.	Michel Suchod	PS
18.	Senator Camille Vallin	PC

Gauche Democratique	1	Independent	1
Parti Communist	9	Parti Socialist	6
Rassemblement Pour la Republique	1		

GERMANY

1.	Hendrik Auhagen	The Green Party in Parliament (Greens)
2.	Rudolf Bindig	Social Democrats (SPD)
3.	Annemarie Borgmann	Greens
4.	Eberhard Bueb	Greens
5.	Ursula Eid	Greens
6.	Uli Fischer	Greens
7.	Ulle Holtz	SPD
8.	Milan Horacek	Greens
9.	Torsten Lange	Greens
10.	Jo Muller	Greens
11.	Dieter Schanz	SPD
12.	Henning Schierholz	Greens
13.	Christian Schmidt	Greens
14.	Axel Vogel	Greens
15.	Ludger Volmer	Greens
16.	Ernst Waltemathe	SPD
17.	Helmut Werner	Greens

Green Party	13	Social Democrats	4

IRELAND

1.	Michael Ahern	Fine Gael (FG)
2.	Bernard Allen	FG
3.	David Andrews	Fianna Fail (FF)
4.	Alderman Ben Briscoe	FF
5.	Tony Gregory	Independent
6.	Brendan Griffin	FG
7.	Patrick Hegarty	FG
8.	John O'Leary	FF
9.	Alderman Frank Prendergast	Labour
10.	Mary Robinson	Labour
11.	Eoin Ryan	FF
12.	Alan Shatter	FG
13.	Patrick J. Sheenan	FG

Fianna Fail	4	Labour	2
Fine Gael	6	Independent	1

JAPAN

1.	Shogo Abe	United Social Democratic Party (USDP)
2.	Hideo Den	USDP
3.	Takako Doi	Japanese Socialist Party (JSP)
4.	Satsuki Eda	USDP
5.	Shigeru Ito	JSP
6.	Naoto Kan	USDP
7.	Toru Ohara	JSP
8.	Shinnen Tagaya	JSP
9.	Torao Tagazawa	JSP
10.	Yasuko Takemura	JSP
11.	Noboru Yagi	JSP
12.	Tsuruo Yamaguchi	JSP

Japanese Socialist Party	8	United Social Democratic Party	4

NORWAY

1.	Asbjorn Bjornset	Socialist Left Party (SLP)
2.	Hanna Kvanmo	SLP
3.	Arent Henriksen	SLP
4.	Hans Rossbach	Venstre

Socialist Left Party	3	Venstre	1

PORTUGAL

1.	Joao Carlos Abrantes	Partido Comunista Portugues (PCP)
2.	Rosa Maria Albernaz	Partido Socialista (PS)
3.	Manuel Alegre	PS
4.	Joao Rocha de Almeida *	Partido Social Democrata (PSD)
5.	Dinis Alves	PS
6.	Vidigal Amaro	PCP
7.	Jose Manuel Ambrosio	PS
8.	Joaquim Arenga	PS
9.	Amelia de Azevedo	PSD
10.	Bento Azevedo	PS
11.	Domingos Azevedo	PS
12.	Ricardo Barros *	PS
13.	Daniel Bastos	PSD
14.	Reis Borges	PS
15.	Beatriz cal Brandao	PS
16.	Alvaro Brasileiro	PCP
17.	Carlos Brito	PCP
18.	Raul de Brito	PS
19.	Igrejas Caeiro	PS
20.	Aderito Campos	PSD
21.	Antonio Lopes Cardoso *	Uniao de Esquerda Democratica Socialista (UEDS)
22.	Carlos Carvalhas	PCP
23.	Manuel Vilhena de Carvalho *	Associao Social Democrata Independente (ASDI)
24.	Raul de Castro	Movimento Democratico Portugues (MDP)
25.	Jose de Almeida Cesario	PSD
26.	Carlos Coedeiro	PS
27.	Anacoreta Correia	Centro Democratico Social (CDS)
28.	Angelo Correia	PSD
29.	Maria Angela Correia	PS
30.	Rudolfo Crespo *	PS

31.	Bento da Cruz	PS
32.	Francisco Marcelo Curto	PS
33.	Lemos Damiao *	PSD
34.	Luisa Daniel	PS
35.	Francisco Miguel Duarte	PCP
36.	Joao Eliseu	PS
37.	Carlos Alberto Espadinha	PCP
38.	Leonel Fadigas	PS
39.	Paulo Areosa Feio	PCP
40.	Joao Fernandes	PS
41.	Joao Luis Fernandes	PS
42.	Manuel Fernandes	PCP
43.	Maria do Ceu Fernandes	PS
44.	Ilda Figueiredo	PCP
45.	Portugal da Fonseca	PSD
46.	Custodio Gingao *	PCP
47.	Henrique Vieira Gomes	PS
48.	Ferdinando Gouveia	PS
49.	Abilio Guedes	PSD
50.	Fillol Guimaraes	PS
51.	Manuel Filipe Correia de Jesus	PSD
52.	Mariana Lanita	PCP
53.	Jorge Lemos	PC
54.	Roque Lino	PS
55.	Luisa Machado	PCP
56.	Margarida Marques	PS
57.	Gaspar Martins	PCP
58.	Luis Martins	PSD
59.	Jose Manuel Mendes	PCP
60.	Gaspar Miranda	PS
61.	Joaquim Miranda	PCP
62.	Manuel Moreira *	PSD
63.	Jose Barbosa Mota	PS
64.	Frederico de Moura	PS
65.	Helena Cidade Moura	MDP
66.	Jose Niza	PS
67.	Cesar de Oliveira	UEDS
68.	Hendel de Oliveira	PS
69.	Herminio de Oliveira	PS
70.	Joao Paulo Oliveira	UEDS
71.	Edmundo Pedro	PS
72.	Belchior Pereira	PCP
73.	Joaquim dos Santos Pereira	PSD
74.	Virgilio H.G. Pereira	PSD
75.	Francisco Albano Pessegueiro	UEDS
76.	Coelho Pires	PS
77.	Amandio Queiros	PSD
78.	Lacerda de Queiros	PSD
79.	Manuel Queiros	CDS
80.	Ruben Raposo	ASDI
81.	Juvenal Ribeiro	PS

82.	Avelino Roderigues	PS
83.	Guido Rodrigues	PSD
84.	Joao Rodrigues	PCP
85.	Caio Roque	PS
86.	Americo Salteiro	PS
87.	Leonel Santa Rita	PSD
88.	Faria dos Santos	PSD
89.	Silvino Sequeira	PS
90.	Octavio Teixeira	PCP
91.	Margarida Tenggarinha	PCP
92.	Joao sa Texiera	PSD
93.	Mota Torres	PS
94.	Laranjeira Vaz	PS

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Associao Social Democrata Independente (ASDI)	2
Centro Democratico Social (CDS)	2
Movimento Democratico Portugues (MDP)	2
Partido Comunista Portugues (PCP)	21
Partido Social Democrata (PSD)	20
Partido Socialista (PS)	43
Uniao de Esquerda Democratica Socialista (UEDS)	4

SPAIN

1.	Bofill Abelhe	Socialist Party (PS)
2.	Verde I. Aldea	Table of the Congress (Table)
3.	Larroque Allende	PS
4.	Cercas Alonso	PS
5.	Molins I. Amat	PS
6.	Senator Joaquin Martinez Bjorkman	PS
7.	Garcia Bloise	PS
8.	Torres Bousault	Table
9.	Busquets I. Bragulat	PS
10.	Granados Calero	PS
11.	Castellano	PS
12.	Clotas I. Cierco	PS
13.	Saenz Cosculluela	PS
14.	Acosta Cubero	PS
15.	Senator Alfons Cuco	PS
16.	Corcuera Cuesta	PS
17.	Pelayo Duque	PS
18.	Balleteros Duran	PS
19.	Nunez Encabo	PS
20.	Vega Escandon	PS
21.	Senator Rafael Estrella	PS
22.	Senator Elena Flores	PS
23.	Berenguer Fuster	PS
24.	Nicola Gallent	Mixed Group (MG)
25.	Senator Ignacio Gamindez	National Basque Party
26.	Pedregosa Garrido	Table
27.	Vicens I. Giralt	MG
28.	Senator Julian Grimaldos	PS
29.	Mugica Herzog	PS
30.	Pere Pi-Sunyer Ibayo	Catelonian Party
31.	Fernandez Inguanzo	MG
32.	Galeote Jimenez	PS
33.	Raimundo Lopez	MG
34.	Sotillo Marti	PS
35.	Vicente Martin	Table
36.	Miguel A Martinez Martinez	PS
37.	Ramallo Massanet	PS
38.	Cuatrecases I. Membrado	PS
39.	Bandres Molet	MG
40.	Vargas Machuco Ortega	PS
41.	Bru Puron	PS
42.	Vizcaya Retana	PS
43.	Lopez Riano	PS
44.	Senator Rafael Vallejo Rodriguez	PS
45.	Perez Royo	MG
46.	Colino Salamanca	PS
47.	Senator Francisca Sauquillo	PS
48.	Perez Solano	PS
49.	Carrello Solares	MG

50.	Fajardo Spinola	PS
51.	Garcia Moreno Teixeira	PS
52.	Martin Toval	PS
53.	Gutmon Ugartechea	PS
54.	Redondo Urbieta	PS
55.	Rodriguezz Valverde	PS
56.	Bueno Y Vicente	PS
57.	LLorca Villaplana	PS

Catelonian Party	1	Mixed Group	7
National Basque Party	1	Table of the Congress	4
Socialist Party	44		

SWEDEN

1.	John Andersson	Communist Party of Sweden (CPS)
2.	Nils Berndisson	CPS
3.	Lisbet Calner	Social Democratic Party (SDP)
4.	Alexander Christopoulos	CPS
5.	Tore Claesson	CPS
6.	Tommy Franzen	CPS
7.	Lars-Ove Hagberg	CPS
8.	Svern Henriksson	CPS
9.	Carl-Henrik Hermansson	CPS
10.	Eva Hjelmstroem	CPS
11.	Margo Inguardsson	CPS
12.	Per Israelsson	CPS
13.	Maj Kempe	CPS
14.	Inga Lantz	CPS
15.	Paul Lestander	CPS
16.	Bertil Maabrink	CPS
17.	Hans Petersson	CPS
18.	Bjoern Samuelsson	CPS
19.	Oswald Soederquist	CPS
20.	Karl-Erik Svartberg	SDP
21.	Evert Svensson	SDP
22.	Joern Svensson	CPS
23.	Lars Werner	CPS

Communist Party of Sweden	20
Social Democratic Party	3

UNITED KINGDOM

1.	David Alton	Liberal Party (LP)
2.	Peter Archer	Labour Party (Lab)
3.	Paddy Ashdown	LP
4.	Lord Avebury	LP
5.	Guy Barnett	Lab
6.	Keith Best	Conservative Party (CP)
7.	Sydney Bidwell	Lab
8.	Lord Fenner Brockway	Lab
9.	Nicholas Brown	Lab
10.	Norman Buchan	Lab
11.	Dennis Canavan	Lab
12.	John Cartwright	Social Democratic Party (SDP)
13.	Robin Corbett	Lab
14.	Jeremy Corbyn	Lab
15.	Patrick Cormack	CP
16.	Terry Davis	Lab
17.	Alf Dubs	Lab
18.	Bob Edwards	Lab
19.	Andrews Faulds	Lab
20.	Martin Flannery	Lab
21.	George Foulkes	Lab
22.	John Fraser	Lab
23.	Reg Freeson	Lab
24.	Bryan Gould	Lab
25.	Harry Greenway	CP
26.	Dame Judith Hart	Lab
27.	Doug Hoyle	Lab
28.	Simon Hughes	LP
29.	Russell Johnston	LP
30.	Lord Kennet	SDP
31.	Joan Maynard	Lab
32.	Hugh McCartney	Lab
33.	Kevin McNamara	Lab
34.	Michael Meadowcroft	LP
35.	Ian Mikardo	Lab
36.	Dave Nellist	Lab
37.	Steve Norris	CP
38.	Robert Parry	Lab
39.	Allan Roberts	Lab
40.	Ernie Roberts	Lab
41.	Hugh Rossi	CP
42.	Dafydd Wigley	Plaid Cymru

Conservative Party	5	Labour Party	28
Liberal Party	6	Plaid Cymru	1
Social Democratic Party	2		

MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. Roberto Cicciomessere	Italy	Non-attached
2. Glyn Ford	United Kingdom	Socialist
3. Alf Lomas	United Kingdom	Socialist
4. Paddy Lalor	Ireland	Democratic Alliance
5. Geoff Hoon	United Kingdom	Socialist
6. Richie Ryan	Ireland	Christian Democrats
7. Frank Schwalba-Hoth	Germany	Rainbow Group
8. Jef Ulburghs	Belgium	Non-attached
9. Phili Viehoff	Netherlands	Socialist

TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Australia	41
Denmark	47
France	18
Germany	17
Ireland	13
Japan	12
Netherlands	20
New Zealand	14
Norway	4
Portugal	94
Spain	57
Sweden	23
United Kingdon	42
Members of the European Parliament	9
Total	411